



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Patent Application of

VELKE et al.

Serial No. 10/712,261

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Title: WALK-BEHIND LAWN MOWER

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Total effective claims after amendment	4	minus highest number	
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	1	minus highest number	
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			\$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

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Applicant claims "small entity" status.  Statement filed herewith

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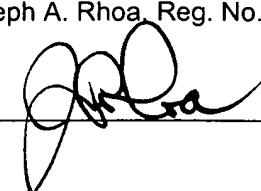
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 9, 2006 (for which petition is hereby made for a two month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows (note that a notice of appeal has also been filed herewith). *This Amendment After Final should be entered since no pending claim has been amended (i.e., no new issues have been raised).*

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